

## Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Liam Knox MuckRock News DEPT MR 72355 411A Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02144

Via email: 72355-03863970@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-00877-F

Dear Mr. Knox:

This is an interim response to the request for information you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

A copy of all FOIA requests filed in the past year (April 2018-April 2019) for records pertaining to the recently re-opened Yucca Mountain nuclear waste storage project.

Your request has been assigned to DOE's Office of Public Information (MA-46) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and review of any records located, you will be provided a response.

In your letter, you agreed to pay all applicable fees associated with the processing of your request. For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at 10 CFR Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requestor. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955, or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Please refer to the above-referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Danielle Blevins, or me, at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at (202) 586-2504.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexander C. Morris

FOIA Officer

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